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INFORMATION REPORT

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1. A 200-ton ferry, formerly German property, was confiscated by the Soviets in 1945 (equipment confiscated as reparations by the Soviets was called "trofey" - trophy). Prior to its confiscation by the Soviets, this ferry was used to move cars and personnel across the Erkner Lake. In 1950, ISU #23 decided to use this ferry for transportation of tanks and SP guns. Later in 1950 or 1951, it was decided to use this ferry as a diesel jackhammer to drive wooden pilings in the Berlin Canal. However, this ferry was not in good condition, and the necessary repair work was subcontracted to a German shipbuilding firm, Ertel, located in Woltersdorf /5207 N - 1312 E7, by Erkner, another German firm.
2. The firm Ertel completed repairs on the ferry by October 1951, but ISU #23 found the repairs unsatisfactory and refused to accept it. The firm Ertel did additional work on the ferry and delivered it to ISU #23 in March 1952, but ISU #23 again refused to accept it. [REDACTED]
3. The overhauling cost for the repair was 60 thousand eastmarks, payable by ISU #23. [REDACTED] the charge was to come under the amount to be spent for canal construction and was eventually to be paid by the German Democratic Republic [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]

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